

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on 3/17/2008 has been entered:

- Claims 1, 4-5, 9 and 11 have been amended; and
- Claims 2-3 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 4-11 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300) on 5/2/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims

4. Claim 1, line 2, delete "and".
5. Claim 11, line 1, following "comprising", insert --:--.

Reasons for Allowance

6. Claims 1 and 4-11 are allowed.
7. The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

8. Claim 1 is allowable because the prior art fails to show or teach an optical conduction unit having an optical conduction body and a reflector, wherein the reflector comprises a first member and a second member, the first and second members of the reflector sandwich the optical conduction body in a x direction, the first member of the reflector mates the optical conduction body and the second member at different portions, the first member comprise a body section extending in the x direction and first and second wall sections protruding in a y direction, and an auxiliary region of the optical conduction body is inserted between the first and second wall sections of the first member.

9. Claim 11 is allowable because the prior art fails to show or teach an image reading device having a light source, a plurality of sensor integrated circuit (IC) chips and an optical conduction unit, wherein the optical conduction unit illuminates the light from the light source toward a document, the sensor IC chips receive the reflected light from the document, the optical conduction unit comprises a reflector having first and second members, the first and second members sandwich the optical conduction unit, and the first member of the reflector mates the optical conduction unit at first and second portions and the second member at third and fourth portions.

10. Claims 4-10 are allowed because of their dependency upon independent claim 1.

11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gunyoung T. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-8588. The examiner can normally be reached between 7:30 - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached at (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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